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Appended is a report of the thirty-fifth annual reunion of the Survivors' Association of the Seventy-seventh Regiment, New York Volunteers, held in Luther M. Wheeler Post, G. A. R. rooms, on Wednesday, September 11; 1907.

It was a full house which General French called to order on September 11, 1907, the occasion of the thirty-fifth annual anniversary of the Survivors' Association of the Seventy-seventh Regiment, New York Infantry Volunteers, in Luther M. Wheeler Post., No. 92, G. A. R. rooms, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., the village from which forty-six years ago, November 28, 1907, the Saratoga Regiment, in all its splendid youth and vigor, marched to war. Enroute to the railroad station, halting at the seminary, Principal Beecher, on behalf of the school, presented a silk flag to the regiment, which flag, with the names of the battles thereon, through which it was carried, was carried at the head of the survivors of the Seventy-seventh Regiment as they marched on September 11, 1907, in the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic through Saratoga Springs' thoroughfare; and though their step was not so elastic, nor form so erect as when they left Saratoga Springs that Thanksgiving Day in 1861, their enthusiasm was not wanting, nor was their ardor lessened by the downpour of water, as they again marched, following the flag.

It was nearly noon, September, 11, 1907, when the association's president, Comrade Winsor B. French greeted comrades, and welcomed them once again to the village from whence over four and one-half decades ago they went forth to war, war of which they had no knowledge, but which they learned ere the regiment's final discharge in June, 1865, because the war had ended and in favor of the Flag. And now though not physically young, our enthusiasm is as young as then and he hoped all who possibly could would be in line in the afternoon to march again with the flag with which as members of the Saratoga, the 77th New York, regiment, they first marched to the defense of the Union.

The roll call showed the following named present: Robert Aucock, Dudley Avery, F; Nathan Brown, Henry Bradt, William R. Britton, Erskine B. Branch, Hector E. Bentley, Orlin G. Bentley, Clarence Bruso, Edgar O. Burt, George H. Brown, Albert M. Burrows, Marcellus N. Bliss, Nathan Babcock, Benjamin C. Bennett, Edward M. Bailey, John E. Brainerd, Augustus Cook, Obed M. Coleman, John M. Clute,

Henry Clunis, Lawrence M. Christman, F; Henry G. Craig, F; Charles Cutler, Charles Chapman, William G. Caw, Daniel H. Cole, John M. Connors, Albert H. Clements, Charles Davis, John W. Derby, James L. DeGross, Seth W. Deyoe, George W. Dingman, Edwin B. Deuel, Burton A. DeWitt, Emory Doolittle, Edward Evans, F; George H. Ellison, John E. Evans, Edward H. Fuller, Winsor B. French, William N. Finch, T. Scott Fuller, James K. Galusha, William H. Gifford, F; Walter G. Gifford, Garrett S. Groverstein, Cornelius S. Huyck, James H. Holsapple, Henry J. Hurd, William C. Howe, Charles H. Hodges, Charles E. Houghtaling, Edwin Ham, George W. Hurley, F; Benjamin H. Hudson, F; William H. Hare, George Housman, A. Deloss Hammond, Hiram W. Hays, William Ingham, Charles E. Jennings, Jeremiah Keck, Samuel E. Kidd, Abram Lente, George E. Lane, Elisha Lohnes; Octavius Landers; William T. Lattimore, Henry H. Merrill, Lyman E. Miller, Wallace W. Morrison, Alexander Morrison, Andrew Miller, William McAdoo, Michael McGuire, Samuel C. Miller, Charles W. Mosher, Jeffrey D. Merrill, John H. Mosher, Nathan Munn, James H. Myers, Charles H. McNaughton, Newton S. Noyes, Michael Nolan, James Nolan, Samuel Porter, Lester A. Pratt, Horace A. Post, Gardner Perry, George N. Peacock, William H. Quackenbush, William H. Quivey, Albert J. Reid, Carlos W. Rowe, Cornelius Rose, Seth B. Root, John R. Rockwell, Charles E. Stevens; Samuel B. Shepard, George H. Scidmore, Henry A. Smith, George D. Storey, Daniel C. Simonds, George A. Scott, Frank Short, Jesse B. Thorn, Stephen Trumbull, Charles D. Thurber, George L. Tucker, William W. Velie, F; Benjamin B. Van Steenberg, Henry Warner, James W. Wood, William G. Watson, William W. Worden, George L. Wendall, Alexander P. Waldron, Lewis Wood, Henry Wilbur, Frank C. Winship.

Secretary Fuller stated that he mailed a report of our last reunion, also a notice of this year's reunion to the address of each name on survivors' roster; replies to which were received from Mrs. J. Fuller Austin, Charles H. Benedict, William Brooks, William G. Caw, Daniel H. Cole, Walter S. Gifford, Charles H. Goss, Charles E. Houghtaling, Julius J. Jerome, James A. Lawrence, James A. Padelford, David Stringham, Milton F. Sweet, George T. Stevens, George F. Will, William H. Wright, all of whom sent kindly greetings.

Letter From Dr. Stevens.

Dr. Stevens writes:

To the Comrades of the Survivors Association of the 77th Regiment, N. Y. Vols.:

The subject of this communication is a sad one and yet, since the necessity of a proper recognition of the fact is upon us, it is an agreeable one.

I write of our late and greatly beloved comrade, Chaplain Norman Fox. Since your last reunion our dear friend has finished his term of service here and has received an honorable discharge from the

ranks of our Association of Survivors. I need not recall his personality to you. Every member of the old regiment remembers it well. Did we ever see the chaplain without that familiar smile? It had grown upon him. It was a part of him. It was not put on for parade, he could not help wearing it and best of all he did not want to help wearing it. Then we all remember his kindly sympathy for each of us when trouble or perplexity came upon us. He did not preach to us then, but he sat down by our side and said some cheering hopeful thing that made us feel stronger and better able to march against our difficulties. Do we not recall how when one of our number was sick he threw himself down beside the sick one and asked about the loved ones at home and how, from the mouth of the sufferer, words were written and sent to the anxious friends in the north and how, in his own words, he spoke hopeful and comforting things to those who read them with tears? You could not have seen him as I did at the hospitals in time of battle. It was he who reclined by the side of the stretcher or by the bed improvised of boughs on the ground and spoke softly in words of courage and hope to the badly wounded man. And when, as it too often happened, the wounded man gave up the fight there in the field hospital, it was his pen that told the stricken mother or wife or friends the terrible news in terms so gentle and so considerate, so just to the memory of the dead soldier and so comforting to the hearts of his family that the blow was softened and the bowed hearts lifted up.

All these things you remember even if you did not see them as I saw them and no soldier of the Seventy-Seventh will ever forget the kind offices which sprung from this kind, cheerful and hopeful heart.

Now let me speak briefly of his history and of his "muster out."

Chaplain Fox was born in the village of Glens Falls, N. Y., February 13th, 1836. His father, the Rev. Norman Fox, was, at that time, pastor of the Baptist Church in that village.

The boy Norman was sent to the public and private schools and at length he entered the University of Rochester from which he graduated in 1855. Wishing to follow the lead of his honored father he took up the study of divinity and, entering the Rochester Theological Seminary, he graduated from this in 1857. In later years he was honored by his Alma Mater with the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

His first ministry was at a church in Whitehall, N. Y. How much he was beloved by his congregation I learned after the war, when, with him and in company of our dear Colonel French, I visited at the charming home of one of his old parishioners where we heard from the lips of those who knew, how greatly our friend had been esteemed in his parish.

But the war came and the young clergyman felt, as we all felt, the call to go into the larger service of our country. He wisely felt that he could do better service as the friend, comforter and counsellor of soldiers than by carrying arms. So he surrendered the pastoral charge of the church where he had won his first success and came to us as our Chaplain in the autumn of 1862. From that time forward to the day of mustering out of the Regiment he was with us in camp and on the march, through the campaigns of the Grand Army of the Potomac from Fredericksburgh to Petersburg and in all of our wonderful marches and battles in the Shenandoah Valley, where, under the leadership of Wright and Sheridan, our old Sixth Corps took so conspicuous and so noble a part. When these campaigns were over, after we and forced our opponents back at Cedar Creek, beaten and disorganized, the Regiment was ordered to Saratoga, where you meet today, to be mustered out. To the honor and credit of a large number of our old Regiment a battalion remained, reenlisted and marched in the grand demonstration of final victory in Washington. But the authorities did not allow a chaplain to such a battalion and Chaplain Fox was one of us who were mustered out of the service of the United States December 12th, 1864.

The Chaplain returned to civil life but not to a life of repose. He devoted himself to literature and took up the work of a professor. To his work he brought enthusiasm and earnest study. He married thrice, his last marriage having taken place only a few months previous to his death.

Making his home at length in the beautiful city of Morristown he was elected to offices of trust and was finally chosen Mayor, an office which he filled with honor to himself and advantage to his city.

After his last marriage he took his bride on an extended pleasure trip through Europe. It was on the return voyage that he was taken with a severe illness and although he held out to be taken from the ship to a New York hospital his strength failed and he rapidly sank to his last sleep.

I need not tell his old comrades that Dr. Fox was an ideal chaplain nor that he was greatly beloved by us all but since you did not all know him in private life I may add that he was a man of fine culture and of extensive reading. During many years of his life he was free from the cares and responsibilities of business life and he traveled extensively, his fund of general information and his habits of observation enabling him to enjoy to the uttermost and to communicate to his friends the varied subjects of interest which were presented to his notice. How much would I enjoy telling you, comrades, of the many pleasant evenings and the delightful discourse when he would come to tell me of his last excursion either to the old world, to Central America or to our distant West but that would require a longer time than this paper should occupy.

Of Chaplain Fox's brothers two were officers in the Union Army.

The Chaplain was a most genial companion, a loyal friend, and an agreeable writer, a useful citizen and a faithful member of our Association. His qualities of mind and heart combined to endear him to a large circle of friends who now deplore his loss. His death occurred June 23rd, 1907.

He leaves a wife, a son and a daughter with whose sorrow we all sincerely sympathize.

He served his time, he is mustered out from our ranks with honor. I am sure, comrades, that I have uttered the sentiments of your own hearts in this, perhaps too long and yet too brief a sketch of our departed friend.

On motion of Comrade Keck the letter of Comrade Stevens was unanimously adopted as our Memorial to our late comrade, Chaplain Norman Fox.

Where Are They?

When the regiment left Camp Schuyler, Thanksgiving Day, 1861, F company had eighty-seven men's names on its roll; ten more afterwards joined the company. Where are they now?

Judson B. Andrews, captain, was born in North Haven, Conn., on April 25, 1834, graduated from Yale college with the class of 1855. For the next two years he taught school and then began the study of medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa. At the close of the lecture course he came to Saratoga County resuming teaching until the lecture course reopened. He became a member of the Stillwater Military Company of Zouaves, organized by Elmer E. Ellsworth, of Mechanicville. (Ellsworth subsequently toured the United States with his company of Chicago Zouaves. He accompanied President Abraham Lincoln from Chicago, Ills. to the National Capitol in March, 1861. On President Lincoln's first call for soldiers, Ellsworth went to New York City in April and organized a Zouave Regiment from the firemen of the city numerically the Eleventh New York, of which he became Colonel. The 24th of the next month the regiment occupied Alexandria, Va. seeing the rebel flag flying from the roof of the Marshall House he went for it; as he was descending the stairway with the flag he was shot by the proprietor, who in turn was shot dead by private Brownell of the Fire Zouaves.) And where he, Andrews, enlisted in the (seventy-seventh) regiment then being raised in answer to President Lincoln's call for three hundred thousand men. He was mustered in as captain of Company F November 23, 1861, and resigned July 16, 1862. He then went to New Haven, Conn., and completed his medical studies at the Yale Medical School, receiving the degree of M. D. in February, 1863. In July following he was mustered in as Assistant Surgeon twentieth regiment Connecticut Volunteer Artillery, serving therewith until the war ended. In 1867 he was appointed Assistant Physician of the New York State Lunatic Asylum at Utica. When the State Hospital was

opened at Buffalo he was transferred to it as superintendent, his tenure of which was ended August 3, 1894 by his death.

Jesse White, First Lieutenant promoted Captain July 17, 1862, resigned February 22, 1863, is supposed to be living in Colorado.

John J. Cameron, Second Lieutenant, resigned May 11, 1862, is dead.

David F. Thompson, First Sergeant, promoted Second Lieutenant, then First Lieutenant, and September 19, 1864, Captain, wounded October 19, 1864, transferred to T of the Battalion November 19, 1864, discharged because of the end of the war June 27, 1865, is dead.

Jeremiah Stebbins, Second Sergeant, promoted to First Sergeant; then February 28, 1863, Second Lieutenant; transferred to D Company December 9, 1863; captured May 10, 1864 at battle of Spottsylvania, Va., paroled March 1, 1865, discharged March 16, 1865, is dead.

George W. Cornell, Third Sergeant, on transport from Fort Monroe, Va., May 6, 1862, died.

James A. Monroe, Fourth Sergeant, promoted First Sergeant, then December 17, 1864 First Lieutenant. Reenlisted December 25, 1863, wounded May 10, 1864 at Spottsylvania, Va., transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865, is unknown.

Job Safford, Fifth Sergeant, promoted Sergeant Major June 17, 1863, wounded at Mayre's Heights, near Fredericksburg, Va., May 3, 1863, discharged December 13, 1864, is dead.

Junis Kipp, First Corporal, discharged December 13, 1864, is dead.

Thomas Myers, Second Corporal, reenlisted December 25, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865, is dead.

Joseph A. Eastman, Third Corporal, discharged for appointment as Hospital Steward in Regular Army, August 14, 1863, is unknown.

Edward P. Marshall, Fourth Corporal, discharged for disability, September 5, 1863, is reported to be living in Greenwich, N. Y.

Albert Snyder. Fifth Corporal, reenlisted December 25, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, discharged July 20, 1865, when last heard of as living in Rockford, Mich.

Cornelius Van Slyke, Sixth Corporal, promoted Sergeant June 1, 1863, discharged December 13, 1864, is dead.

John C. Barker, Seventh Corporal, reenlisted February 16, 1864, at battle of Spotsylvania, Va., May 10, 1864, killed.

Leroy Whitman, Eighth Corporal, reenlisted December 25, 1863, discharged June 27, 1865, is unknown.

George W. Brasier, Musician, discharged for disability July 17, 1862, is dead.

William H. Burrows, Musician, reenlisted December 25, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865, is unknown.

Manley Warren, wagoner, reenlisted December 25, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, promoted to Corporal December 17, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865, is is dead.

Of the privates—Solomon Ageter, discharged for disability February 12, 1863, is unknown.

Dudley Avery, discharged for disability January 29, 1863, is present.

David Barker, discharged for disability January 5, 1863, is dead.

David Borst, of disability July 18, 1862, died.

George W. Bortel, deserted November, 1861, is unknown.

Levi A. Brooks, reenlisted December 25, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865, is alive.

Seth Cadman, promoted to a Sergeant; discharged December 13, 1864, is dead.

Michael Casey, reenlisted December 25, 1863, wounded May 12, 1864, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865, is dead.

Jonathan Dean, Jr., of disease February 1864, died.

David H. Dater of disease May 6, 1862, died.

Edward Evans, reenlisted December 25, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, wounded May 10, 1864, and March 25, 1865, discharged June 27, 1865, is present.

Thomas Emperor, reenlisted December 25, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865, is unknown.

William C. Ensign, deserted November 1861, is unknown.

Michael Falen, for disability discharged June 5, 1862, is unknown.

George Fry, reenlisted December 25, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, promoted Corporal April 12, 1864, wounded September 19, 1864, and April 2, 1865, discharged June 27, 1865, is dead.

Leonard Fletcher, transferred to H and promoted Sergeant November 14, 1863, discharged December 13, 1864, is dead.

Jacob Frey, reenlisted December 25, 1863, at battle at Fort Stevens, D. C., July 12, 1864, killed.

Henry Franc, reenlisted December 25, 1863, of wounds received May 12, 1864, at Spotsylvania, Va., May 18, 1864 died.

James Groomes, for disability discharged January 23, 1862, is unknown.

Nicholas Geltsleighter, reenlisted December 25, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865, is dead.

Edward Holland discharged December 13, 1864, is unknown.

Alonzo Hammond, discharged for disability April 25, 1862, is supposed to live in Schuylerville.

James H. Hudson, discharged for disability September 10, 1862, is dead.

Jerome Hudson, discharged for disability October 23 1863, is unknown.

George Hess, of disease July 18, 1862, is dead.

George W. Hurley, discharged for disability April 28, 1862, is present.

Gilbert Holsapple, reenlisted to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865, is unknown.

Peter Hill, reenlisted December 25, 1863, is unknown.

Lyman Jones, for disability discharged March 5, 1862, is unknown.

James B. Johnson, discharged December 13, 1864, is unknown.

Elihu Jones, reenlisted December 25, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865, is unknown.

James Knowlan, transferred to V. R. C. October 1, 1863, and there discharged, is dead.

John Kritley, transferred to V. R. C. October 1, 1863, and there discharged, is dead.

John H. Kipp, reenlisted December 25, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, at Petersburg, Va., April 2, 1865, killed.

Thomas King, reenlisted December 52, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, captured battle of Cedar Creek, Va., October 19, 1864, paroled February 15, 1865, discharged June 27, 1865, is living in Buffalo.

Aaron Lewis, discharged for disability February 4, 1863, is dead.

Michael Lamley, reenlisted December 25, 1863, May 5, 1864, in the Wilderness, killed.

Lafayette Myers reenlisted December 25, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion, November 19, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865, is alive.

Robert McPherson, at Fort Monroe, Va., September 10, 1862, died.

Henry Milkins, of disease August 29, 1862, died.

William McCall reenlisted December 25, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865, is dead.

Henry Munn, reenlisted December 25, 1863, discharged June 27, 1865, is dead.

Edward McCullough, reenlisted December 25, 1863, discharged June 27, 1865, is unknown.

Mathew Mulligan, reenlisted December 25, 1863, discharged June 27, 1865, is dead.

Christopher Mulligan, discharged December 13, 1864, at expiration of term of enlistment, is unknown.

Leander Milliken, discharged June 31, 1862, is unknown.

Thomas Outing, reenlisted, December 26, 1863, transferred to C of the Battalion November 19, 1864, discharged because of wounds March 26, 1865, is dead.

William D. Peterson, Deserted February 24, 1864, is unknown.

George W. Pettit, discharged for disability October 21, 1862, is unknown.

Horatio G. Peck, discharged for disability July 2, 1862, is dead.

Alfred Pickett, discharged for disability April 28, 1862, is dead.

Cornelius Quinn, reenlisted December 25, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864 discharged June 27, 1865, is alive.

John A. Reuchler, at Antietam, Md. September 17, 1862, killed.

Edmund Seirack, from a U. S. Hospital in Providence, R. I., in July, 1862, deserted, is living in Mass.

Seymour Russell, transferred December 11, 1863, to First N. Y. Independent Battery, is dead.

Lewis Shontz, of disability discharged April 20, 1862, is alive.

John Simmons, reenlisted December 13, 1864, is unknown.

Peter B. Simmons, reenlisted December 25, 1863, transferred to E of Battalion November 19, 1864 discharged June 27, 1865, is alive.

John Smith, reenlisted December 25, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865, is unknown.

Frederick Strancher, discharged for disability February 5, 1863, is unknown.

Joseph Swartz, discharged for disability January 18, 1864, is dead.

Ernest Schmidt, discharged for disability November 25, 1863, is dead.

Thomas Thackery, transferred to V, R. C. November 25, 1863, and discharged, is dead.

William W. Velie, reenlisted December 25, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, promoted Sergeant December 17, 1864, discharged June 1, 1865, is present.

William Van Saulsbury, reenlisted December 25, 1863, in the Wilderness, May 5, 1864, killed.

Alexander H. Wicks, for disability discharged January 23, 1862, is dead.

John Williams, transferred to U. S. Navy, February 17, 1862, from which afterwards discharged because of wounds, is dead.

Charles Wilsey, deserted February 17, 1862, is unknown.

Samuel D. Bolten, transferred to U. S. Navy, December 6, 1863, is dead.

Henry G. Craig transferred to F November 19, 1864, discharged February 15, 1865, is present.

Thomas Dutcher, transferred to E of the battalion November 19, 1864, discharged February 15, 1865, is dead.

Jeffrey Ferguson, transferred to E of the battalion November 19, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865, is dead.

Benjamin H. Hudson, transferred to E of the battalion November 19, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865, is present.

John McGuire, reenlisted December 26, 1863, transferred to E of the Battalion November 19, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865, is dead.

John Perry, in U. S. Hospital Alexandria, Va., in 1862, died.

James Thompson, transferred to E of the battalion November 19, 1864, discharged June 27, 1865, is unknown.

Isaac N. Velle, transferred to E of the battalion November 19, 1864, discharged June 16, 1865, is unknown.

Eugene Werner, transferred to C of the battalion November 19, 1864, discharged June 16, 1865, is unknown.

Seventeen Alive.

Of the foregoing ninety-seven members seventeen are alive, six of whom are present; the whereabouts of twenty-nine are unknown and fifty are dead. In the fall of 1862 four hundred recruits joined the regiment, among them one complete company, which was given the letter K; the seventy-two men or original, or first K, were transferred to F company October 31, 1862. The members of first K, the Gloversville, company will be reported at our reunion at Gloversville next year, Tuesday, September 22.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Charles D. Thurber's report, that after paying for grass cutting and cleaning about our monument, the painting of the statue thereon and the reunion report, leaving a balance of \$47.33, was adopted.

C. E. Stevens, Jeremiah Keck and E. H. Fuller as committee submitted the following which was adopted:

"In the death since our last reunion of Comrades J. Fuller Austin, George Bowers, Norman Fox. Henry Jones, Alfred H. Kingsley, Francis Leek, Allen C. McLean, Charles H. Murray, Charles Palmateer, George R. Reno, Thomas Ryan, James M. Slingerland, Manley Warren and William H. Yale the association has lost members who were faithful soldiers and good citizens. To their families in their bereavement we extend our sympathy."

It was voted that when this meeting ends that we meet at 1:30 o'clock at the Post entrance on Phila street for the purpose of forming a line and join the Grand Army of the Republic parade at 2 o'clock p. m. and march again as a regimental organization.

Next Reunion at Glovesville.



On motion of Daniel H. Cole it was voted to hold our next reunion in Gloversville, and that Judge Keck be chairman of the local committee.